

Richard D. Webb
from
Sarah Pugh.

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Dear Richard

Thankful am

I - very that thy "something
to do" was done for my ben-
efit: so many interesting
'items' were sent, one of old &
cherished friends, thy brother's
families - to whom my very
kind remembrance - of R. Allen
of Alfred & his wife & the in-
teresting Schackleton family, of
good kind James Haughton of
Wilhemina House - whom I so
well remember in both my
visits, & her husband in delicate
health in '40. Then too it was
a gratification to find that the
memories of thy pleasures in this
country abide with thee out-
weighing thy grievous sufferings

This is a letter & least more to write away the time of the
while waiting for
back. May
her voyage be
a speedy one &
your return
abundant.
affectionately
thine
R.D.

in the past & thy feelings in
the present.

I have been
reading Emily Louvestic's on the
'Pleasures of Age' - with due
appreciation - they come home
to me very specially since enter-
ing my seventieth year last Oct.
- I outrank thee, - truly the
relief from responsibility is not
the least among them, the feeling
that younger hands now take
up the work of to day.

The 'Standard' will tell thee of
the 'Euthanasia' of the 'Whit Female'.

Though in my opinion her
special work was finished
some years since - yet she did
not so see it - therefore contin-
ued her quiet existence till last
week, when surrounded by
sympathizing friends she good-
dame took her place with the
immortals! And this week
the 'National Soc' is to depart
in a halo of glory. I am so
glad that Deborah will be able
to witness the ceremonial; for
no doubt the occasion will be
one of great interest & there,

will be opportunity to see
many of the veterans in the
cause, alas! not "The noblest
Romans of them all." - It must
needs be, as in the days of old
"that offender come," imperfect.
This noble human nature. With
Garrison, I thought that the
Anti-Slavery Soc. should have
dissolved into its original ele-
ments ready for new combina-
tions when Slavery was abolished.

& there were special reasons, to
my mind that it would have
been true wisdom to separate
them, much scandal would
have been avoided & sooner wd,
ill feeling have died out - for
it must die out sometime with
people so good. Yet here comes
up this 'Human Question' with
two Societies. It is pitiful. The
old puritan element is very
good in some directions, its
persistent adherence to principle
- but it is sad when it mistakes
its prejudiced opinions for the
truth & refuses to work with
brilliant, devoted - if erratic individ-
als,

What if antislavery had set
aside all the outside advocates,
with all sorts of ultra opinions,
Hydropathy, Homeopathy, Grahamism,
Spiritualism - to say nothing of
Anti Bible anti Sabbath the War?
I speak as the world spoke then.

How truly & beautifully in
her neat little speech Mrs Wadby
Grew expressed what all must
feel who have laboured for
the slave "Thankful for the
discipline" "which had edu-
cated" - and then too what
have been its rich rewards?
Through it have we not known
each other? Never so many good
folks beside! What a true
home it gave me with you
a blessing to this day. & what
it gave thee here, I only wish
that we in this region could
have had the opportunity to
minister more abundantly to
thee. I can hardly bear to think
upon what was missed on
both sides. And Hebron

I was not so long with us as we had hoped. Her intelligent appreciation & warm feelings with her gentle reticence were very winning. I am so sorry to learn by a note just read, from L. R. Bowers, that she will be prevented ~~from~~ by indisposition in her family from going to N.Y. to see Deborah, & she sails. I at first felt as if I must go myself but she will be with Hannah Haydock & other kind friends I doubtless will be well cared for.

You will have the best of times on her return in comparing experiences & reminiscing yr American life.

Poor, dear Jane Russell, we are so sorry to part with her. I shall miss the sweet smile of welcome with which she always greeted me - & the dear quaint little children so interesting.

Over compensation to her will
be the healthy country to which
they go - for the children the mountain
air will be far better than
that in their confined situation
in the city. I wish Jenny could
return with Deborah it would
be so much to them both. I.R.B.
writes me that the Ohio census
may go - this to them would indeed
be joyful - to see their mother's land.

One of yr. countrymen has
lately interested me much W.E.H.
Lecky in his "History of European
Morals" - so broad & clear. His
'Progress of Rationalism' too was full
of interest. May he go on to instruct
& enlighten all especially the young.
Another book has pleased me by
Wm Rathbone Greg - the "Creed of
Christendom" - surely if the rising
generation were fed on such
meat, they wd. be stronger than
the last generation. There would be

many Lueretia Mott's instead
of only ~~one~~. She, dear woman, goes
to day to N. Y. to help in the effort
to bring together the two 'Woman
Suffrage Societies!' Buy the paper &
Trust Mary Estlin sends me - I know she
is full of good works - I have been hoping
for a letter from her. When I last
wrote her I asked her to send word
what vol. of the 'Inquirer' (?) it was
that contained Whitely's article on
'Blanco White' - it was they wish
was it not? that L. M. should see
it. If the volume or number were
known - it could be obtained
from the Library here. L. Mott's
health is wonderfully good this
winter better than for years. Buy
the 'Standard' it will be seen, that
she is ever active. I am not sorry,
they are going to keep the paper up
since its misnomer is to be omitted;
it is a sort of family 'Intelligencer'
to us who have so long been
intimated in the persons whom
sayings & doings it chronicles.

Mary Grew's 'Report' is a good
resumé of the thirtyix years - thirty
four of wh. she has recorded. I wish
that it had been my fate to see more
of her - and of many more in these
parts - but what is the use? I cannot
say come here to live for with so
many of us the future - ~~even~~ here
will soon be past. This does not
disturb me. & yet I enjoy life. I
am glad to say that my Cousin
Abby is able to walk out & is
bright & cheerful. I hope she has
a 'photograph' to send thee. If I
there was one of me it should be of
thy service - but I have, fortunately
for my friends, escaped such a
catastrophe. - A bust of L. Mott has
been taken this winter & though she is
so worn & wasted - it is beautiful & so
satisfactory that her son has bespoke it in marble.

This is another & last move to settle among the trees in the